Legislation for Judicial Ombudsmen

547. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to bring a legislation in the Parliament on Judicial Ombudsmen; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Ban on contesting elections

†548. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all political parties have recently held discussions for evolving consensus on the suggestion given by the election commission that persons having more than 2 children should not be allowed to contest election; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) The Constitution (Seventy-ninth Amendment) Bill, 1992 was introduced in Rajya Sabha in December, 1992. Under the provisions of the Bill a person shall be disqualified for being chosen as, and for being a member of either House of Parliament or the Legislative Assembly or, as the case may be, either of the Legislature of the State, if he/she has more than two children. However, it will not apply to those who already have more than two children or those who beget an additional child within one year of the commencement of the Act. The Bill was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development for examination. The Committee examined the Bill and recommended the Bill for passage without any change.

While recommending the Bill for passage, the Committee also recommended that the Government may convene a meeting of leaders of various political parties in Parliament to ensure the passage of the Bill.

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